

CONNECTICUT NRCS  
 FY 2020 RANKING POOL  
 EQIP: Cropland

Land Use
Crop
Farmstead
Associated
Ag land

Ranking Weights	
Factors	Weight in Ranking Pool
Vulnerability	30%
Planned Practice Effects	20%
Resource Priorities	20%
Program Priorities	20%
Efficiencies	10%

Practices
All CT FY20 EQIP Practices

Resource Concerns Categories and Weighted Vulnerability Consideration	
Resource Concern Category	%
Air quality emissions	5
Aquatic habitat	5
Concentrated erosion	10
Degraded plant condition	5
Field pesticide loss	5
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	5
Inefficient energy use	5
Pest pressure	5
Salt losses to water	5
Soil quality limitations	15
Source water depletion	10
Storage and handling of pollutants	5
Terrestrial habitat	5
Weather resilience	5
Wind and water erosion	10

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**SURVEY QUESTIONS**

Question Type	Section	Question Text	Choices	Points	Total Possible Points	Condition	Land Uses
Applicability	n/a	Is the majority of the land to be enrolled in Connecticut?	Yes No	N/A	N/A		All
Category	n/a	Are the PLUs cropland and/or farmstead/associated ag land that is associated with cropland acres.	Yes No	N/A	N/A		All
Program Questions	n/a	Is the applicant currently in compliance with all existing contracts or will this be the first contract for the applicant?	Yes No - participant has current CPA-153	50 -50	50		All
	n/a	Has the applicant had any contract terminations within their control?	Yes No - no terminations for cause N/A -- no prior contracts	-50 25 0	25		
	n/a	Is the applicant following all Operation and Maintenance for all practices that are still within their lifespan on any existing contract?	Yes No N/A --1st contract, or all practices are beyond their lifespan	25 -25 0	25		All
	n/a	Will the application address Wildlife Habitat by implementing Core wildlife practices?	Yes No	50 0	50		All
	n/a	Will other Federal, State or Local financial resources be leveraged to assist with the implementation of this project?	Yes No	50 0	50		All
	n/a	Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area?	Yes No	NA 0	0		All
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE PROGRAM POINTS (20% of Total Score)</b>					<b>200</b>		
Resource	Cropland	Will the practices in the application include one or more soil quality or enhancing practice(s) that addresses soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc. as part of a Soil Health System?	More than 2 practices 2 practices 1 practice N/A -soil health not resource concern	50 25 0 0	50		Crop

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Resource Questions	Cropland	Does practice schedule include practices necessary to support a new OR existing High Tunnel System (325), in order to manage concentrated flow from the High Tunnel(s). Practices could include 342, Critical Area Planting; 412, Grassed Waterway; 468, Lined Waterway or Outlet; or 362 Diversion.	Yes No	10 0	10		Crop
Resource Questions (continued)	Cropland	Are the practices in the application part of an Irrigation Water Management Plan that results in a minimum reduction of water use of 35%?	Yes No	10 0	10		Crop
	Cropland	Will the practices in the application assist the producer to implement a Nutrient Management Plan that meets NRCS specifications for applying fertilizer according to June Nitrate testing?	Yes No	10 0 +A1	10		Crop
	Cropland	Are there currently direct point-source discharges from the planned land units to surface water, and will planned practices eliminate all of these discharges?	Yes - The planned practices will eliminate all direct point-source discharges from the planned land units No - there will still be direct point-source discharges N/A - there are no direct point-source discharges	40 -20 0	40		Crop Farmstead
	All Land Uses	Will the practices in this contract directly benefit threatened or endangered species according to results obtained from the CT-DEEP Natural Diversity Database?	Yes No	20 0	20		All
	All Land Uses	Does the Schedule of Operations include planting practices that will add native wildlife beneficial plant species?	Yes No	10 0	10		All
	All Land Uses	Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area and does the schedule of operations contain practices that address Water Quality or Water Quantity?	Yes No N/A - land is not in swp area	50 0 0	50	program question re. Source Water	All
	<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE RESOURCE POINTS (20% of Total Score)</b>					<b>200</b>	